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'Bird sanctuary will be developed'

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SHIMOGA, SEPT. 3. The Minister of State for Minor Irrigation, Mr. Kumar Bangarappa, said on Monday that all efforts would be made to develop the bird sanctuary at Gudvi in Sorab taluk into an attractive tourist spot.

Inaugurating the canteen at the bird sanctuary, he said it was a matter of pride that the sanctuary was listed as one of the 10 best sanctuaries in the country.

Calling upon the people to protect the flora and fauna, Mr. Bangarappa said wild animals and birds could live safely only when no harm

came to them. He said the infrastructure at the bird sanctuary would be developed in a phased manner. Mr. Bangarappa said he had requested the Public Works Minister, Mr. Dharam Singh, to sanction an all-weather approach road to the bird sanctuary from the main road.

Mr. Bangarappa said the Gudvi Lift Irrigation Scheme would be taken up this year.

The Conservator of Forests (Wildlife Conservation), Mr. Shivanna, the Member of the zilla panchayat, Ms. Phakiramma, and the Vice-President of the Gudvi Gram Panchayat, Mr. M.Keriappa, were the chief guests on the occasion.

The President of the Sorab Taluk Panchayat, Mr. Rudrappa Kadlera, presided over the function.